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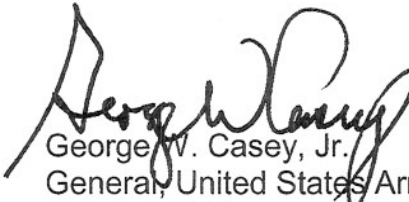
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Family Covenant

1. We unveiled the Army Family Covenant on 8 October 2007 at the Association of the United States Army Annual Meeting. An integral part of the Soldier-Family Action Plan (SFAP), these Covenants formalize our commitment to provide Families a quality of life that is commensurate with the quality of service provided by their loved ones - our Soldiers. With the recent signing of the Covenant at Yongsan Garrison, Korea, we now have Covenants at every Army installation.
2. Never before in the history of our Army have we asked so much of our Families. They are serving side-by-side with our Soldiers, enduring their hardships and providing the unconditional love and support that truly make our Army strong. In recognition of our Families increased sacrifices, the Covenant pledges our commitment to fund and resource programs that support their needs. However, our efforts must not stop with these Covenant signings. We must strengthen our resolve to improve the programs and services that form the foundation of our SFAP.
3. An initial investment of \$1.4 billion in FY08 will help to improve the programs and services for Soldiers and their Families, but more will be needed. In addition to funding these programs and services, we need your dedication and commitment to the ideals of the Covenant.
4. Installation Management Command (IMCOM) is developing evaluation tools to assess the effectiveness of the programs and services that make up our SFAP. Once complete, IMCOM will distribute them to all Army installations. We will use the feedback and input from these evaluations to modify and improve the SFAP. We need your personal commitment to continue the successes of the SFAP.
5. Thank you for your support of our Soldiers and their Families and our Nation.


George W. Casey, Jr.
General, United States Army
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